the crew responds to actual or potential law enforcement emergencies on a regular and recurring basis.

- (d) Not engaged in law enforcement activities. The following employees are not engaged in law enforcement activities for the purpose of pay under section 7(k) of the Act as provided for in §§ 551.501(a)(1) and (5) and 551.541:
- (1) Employees whose primary duties concern the protection of Government property from hazards such as sabotage, espionage, theft, fire, or accidental or willful damage and in so doing, control the movement of persons and protect the lives and property of persons on Government property (e.g., guards or other employees performing similar functions);
- (2) Employees who perform work concerned with the determination of the applicability of or compliance with laws and regulations when the duties primarily involve:
- (i) Examining or inspecting products, premises, property, or papers of persons or firms to enforce or obtain compliance with laws and regulations (e.g., immigration and customs examining or inspecting; mine safety and health examining or inspecting; alcohol, tobacco and firearms examining or inspecting; plant protection and quarantine examining or inspecting); or
- (ii) Planning and conducting investigations covering the character, practices, suitability or qualifications of persons or organizations seeking, claiming or receiving Federal benefits, permits, or employment (e.g., general investigations work);
- (3) Employees who work within correctional institutions but who do not have direct custody and safeguarding of inmates as their primary duty; and
- (4) Members of rescue or ambulance crews that provide those services in connection with law enforcement activities only in unusual situations (e.g., when the primary crews are unavailable or when an emergency situation requires more crews than can be provided by the primary service).

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## § 551.217 Exemption of Border Patrol agents.

A Border Patrol agent (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5550(a)(2) and 5 CFR 550.1603) is exempt from the minimum wage and the hours of work and overtime pay provisions of the Act.

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# Subpart C—Minimum Wage Provisions

BASIC PROVISION

#### §551.301 Minimum wage.

- (a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section and  $\S551.311$ , an agency shall pay each of its employees wages at rates not less than the minimum wage specified in section 6(a)(1) of the Act for all hours of work as defined in subpart D of this part.
- (2) The minimum wage provisions of the Act do not apply to a criminal investigator receiving availability pay under §550.181.
- (b) An employee has been paid in compliance with the minimum wage provisions of this subpart if the employee's hourly regular rate of pay, as defined in §551.511(a) of this part, for the workweek is equal to or in excess of the rate specified in section 6(a)(1) of the Act.

[45 FR 85664, Dec. 30, 1980, as amended at 59 FR 66154, Dec. 23, 1994]

#### SUBMINIMUM WAGE

#### §551.311 Subminimum wage.

An agency may, if it meets certain criteria published by the Office of Personnel Management, employ certain groups of less than fully productive employees (e.g., handicapped patient workers) at rates less than the minimum wage specified in section 6(a)(1) of the Act.

[45 FR 85664, Dec. 30, 1980]

### Subpart D—Hours of Work

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